
Hamlet all set for visit to Number 10

A student's performance of Hamlet has led him to the doors of Downing Street after he impressed at Stratford Circus.

The pupil at Stratford School Academy received an invite to the Shakespeare Schools Festival after organisers of the youth drama event saw him perform on November 6.

Hamid Miah, 13, of Turing House, is in year nine. He will represent the school on January 26 and enjoy a reception at Downing Street after the festival.

He'll take to the stage as Hamlet again, reciting a monologue from Shakespeare's most powerful tragedy.

He said: "The whole experience was exhilarating. It could not have been better and then to find out about going to Downing Street was the cherry on the top.

"It was one of the best experiences of my life and I am looking forward to the event."

Only a handful of students were selected out of 25,000 to take part.

Shakespeare for Schools Festival started in 2000. It's now the UK's largest youth drama festival, offering students the opportunity to perform Shakespeare on their local professional stage.
